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TOPIC Schoenefeld Airfield 25X1

EVALUATION                      PLACE OBTAINED                      25X1

DATE OF CONTENT                     

DATE OBTAINED                      DATE PREPARED 21 May 1954 25X1

REFERENCES                     

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REMARKS                     This is UNEVALUATED Information 25X1

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1. About noon on 5 April 1954, a Li-2 approached Schoenefeld airfield releasing 6 parachutists. After flying a curve, a group of 6 parachutists and subsequently another group of 4 leaped over the same area. ~~Four~~ 4 smaller parachutes with long, narrow, red cloth strips attached to them were being dropped together with the first and second group, while 2 such parachutes were dropped with the last group. These parachutes had approximately one fifth the size of the other chutes. On 6 April, parachuting was repeated in the same procedure and from altitudes of 300 to 350 meters.                      the time of fall was 2 to 2.15 minutes. Two jumpers were observed using 2 parachutes each. One of them opened his 2 chutes without delay and came down within 2.5 minutes. The other jumper, however, opened one chute only after half the descent and the second chute about 50 meters above the ground. His time of descent was 1.25 minutes. The parachutes of the two jumpers were of the same size as the other chutes. Source was not able to determine the tanks of the parachutists as all of them were flying suits without rank insignia. Noteworthy was the fact that all of the parachutists wore very good boots as usually only worn by officers. When the parachutists were trucked to the field after their descents, source did not recognize any personnel known from sight. 25X1

2. On 25 April, a considerably increased occupation strength was observed at the field when compared with previous observations. The previously observed Li-2 unit                      was still stationed at the field in addition to about 10 Li-2s                      There was intensive air activity. Source had the impression that aircraft were continually taking off and landing at the field.<sup>1</sup> Tank truck                      and truck                      were observed at the field. 25X1

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1. Comment. Schoenefeld airfield is occupied by 1 transport regiment equipped with 10 to 12 Li-2s and 1 transport and courier squadron equipped with 7 to 10 Li-2s

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